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We tried to discuss with him the various courses of action that seemed to present themselves: (1) the definite and permanent withdrawal of the book from circulation. Naturally Sulzberger does not want to do this, and Dedijer observed that even if it were done, it would not completely alleviate the situation, since the Jugoslav Government was probably already in receipt of an advance copy of the book. (2) To revise the offending essay to meet his objections. On this point, his objections were somewhat confused. What he had chiefly complianed of was the recital of the suicide of his son, and the textual quotation of letters passing between Cy and himself, and one between himself and Djilas. He said this was copyright matter, and should not have been published without his permission. I think he probably has something there, according to what I have been told of English law on the subject. Cy offered to withdraw the letters. (3) To publish the book as written, leaving Djilas free to disclaim it, as well as any knowledge of its contents, Cy to make ~~it known it was written without~~ the collaboration of Dedijer. Throughout the conversation, Dedijer complained that, in any case, collusion would be attributed to him, and a knowledge of the contents. (4) For Dedijer and Sulzberger to revise together the offending chapter.

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By the end of the interview, our guest was a tired man, who seemed to have no appreciation of the complexity of the affair. He ~~wanted to have the book permanently~~ withdrawn, and said he would then suffer the political consequences.

He talked a great deal about his own situation vis-a-vis the Jugoslav Government. He said he would feel under an obligation to go back and testify, as he did once before, if Djilas were tried. Moreover, he asserted that if the book were published, he would feel it incumbent upon him to take his entire family back to Jugoslavia. The reasons for this were not clear. He denied that his mother, as stated in the book, was once a lady-in-waiting to the former Queen. He also said his grandfather had never been a Minister of the Government, but was a serf.